

National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594

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Brief of Accident

Adopted 10/31/2007

CHI07CA270		08/08/2007		Chesterfield, MO		Aircraft Reg No. N201LE		Time (Local): 20:30 CDT		
Make/Model:		Mooney / M20J						Fatal	Serious	Minor/None
Engine Make/Model:		Lycoming / IO-360-A3B6D				Crew	0	0	1	
Aircraft Damage:		Substantial				Pass	0	0	0	
Number of Engines:		1								
Operating Certificate(s):		None								
Type of Flight Operation:		Personal								
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:		Part 91: General Aviation								
Last Depart. Point:		Cincinnati, OH				Condition of Light:		Day		
Destination:		Same as Accident/Incident Location				Weather Info Src:		Unknown		
Airport Proximity:		On Airport/Airstrip				Basic Weather:		Visual Conditions		
Airport Name:		Spirit of St Louis Airport				Lowest Ceiling:				
Runway Identification:		NA				Visibility:				
Runway Length/Width (Ft):		Unk/Nr				Wind Dir/Speed:				
Runway Surface:						Temperature (°C):		Unk/Nr		
Runway Surface Condition:						Precip/Obscuration:				
Pilot-in-Command		Age: 72				Flight Time (Hours)				
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)						Total All Aircraft: 913				
Private; Single-engine Land						Last 90 Days: 26				
						Total Make/Model: 262				
Instrument Ratings						Total Instrument Time: 195				
Airplane										

The airplane departed a taxiway and struck an airport sign. The pilot reported that he was anxious to clear the runway after landing on runway 26L since he knew that another airplane was behind him for landing. He exited the runway at the first available taxiway. He reported that he thought the taxiway intersected the runway at a 90-degree angle, but it actually was a high-speed taxiway for landing aircraft from the opposite direction on runway 8R. He reported that the airplane departed the taxiway and struck the airport sign.

Brief of Accident (Continued)

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File No. 22440	08/08/2007	Chesterfield, MO	Aircraft Reg No. N201LE	Time (Local): 20:30 CDT

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

1. (C) DIRECTIONAL CONTROL - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) AIRPORT FACILITIES,RUNWAY SIGN(S) - OTHER

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.
The pilot failed to maintain directional control while taxiing after landing. A factor was the runway sign.